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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. FRANCE OPPOSED TO ENERGY GROUP: JOBERT ANNOUNCED TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY THAT FRANCE WOULD NEITHER PARTICIPATE IN THE PERMANENT GROUP ON ENERGY NOR ATTEND THE CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 25. IN BRUSSELS THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR INFORMED THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DECISION AND ANNOUNCED FRANCE'S OBJECTION TO EC PARTICIPATION IN OR PRESENCE AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING. (STATE)

2. VIOLENCE IN ADDIS: APPARENTLY MOTIVATED BY THE SOARING COST OF LIVING, DEMONSTRATORS FOUGHT WITH POLICE, STONED CARS, AND INTERRUPTED ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT FEBRUARY 21 IN ADDIS ABABA, WHICH APPEARS TO BE UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY AS HEAVILY ARMED TROOPS AND POLICE PATROL THE CITY. (TICKER)

3. DAYAN REPORTEDLY SAYS NO: ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN HAS REPORTEDLY REFUSED GOLDA MEIR'S REQUEST
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TO RETAIN HIS POST IN A MINORITY GOVERNMENT. A SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIAL SAID THAT IF MRS. MEIR DID FORM A MINORITY GOVERNMENT, DAYAN'S SUPPORTERS IN THE KNESSET WOULD

NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES BOUND BY PARTY DISCIPLINE.
(TICKER)

4. EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR SAIGON OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE: BOTH THE RVN AND EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS PREFER EXPLORATORY TALKS IN WASHINGTON, WITH FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN CAIRO IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROMISING. THE GVN FOREIGN MINISTER BELIEVES THAT IF EGYPT WITHDRAWS PRG RECOGNITION, THE GVN MIGHT IMMEDIATELY GRANT THE DESIRED CLEARANCE AND ALLOW A DECENT INTERVAL TO ELAPSE BEFORE EGYPT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. EMBASSY CAIRO BELIEVES EGYPT WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO JETTISON PRG REPRESENTATION AND THAT THIS IS A DECISION WHICH SADAT WOULD HAVE TO MAKE. (STATE) RUSH

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